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Application of Jean Armiroli et al

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PROVIDED WITH A PIEZOELECTRIC
WASHER

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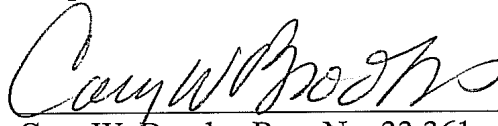
ELECTION

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action of February 26, 2009 which indicated that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of a generic invention and required Applicants to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted with the species identified as follows: Species A (FIG. 1); Species B (FIG. 2); and Species C (FIG. 3). Applicant hereby formally elects to prosecute the inventions associated with Species A (FIG. 1) and maintains that claims 17-20, and 24-

36 correspond to Species A.

Respectfully Submitted,

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